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Service animals provide a vital resource for individuals with a disability. Typically, not only do service animals improve the quality of life, the animals become part of the family. In Los Angeles County, service dogs are required to be licensed by the Department of Animal Care and Control. However, service dogs are not exempt from the ordinance which limits a person to three dogs. This could present a problem for an individual who owns three dogs plus has the need for a service dog.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control, the Director of the Department of Regional Planning, and County Counsel to:

1. Review the state and federal statutes to determine if there are any federal or state laws that govern this issue for local governments; and
2. Review ordinances from other cities and counties to determine how other local jurisdictions deal with this issue.

This report is due in 30 days.

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